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Subject: SI and H Experimentation, 5 December 1951

On Wednesday, 5 December 1951, SI and H experiments were carried on in Building 13, Room 20, with [redacted] and [redacted] Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] were present also.

Since this was the initial visit by [redacted] and since [redacted] had not participated in any of the experimental work in the past five or six weeks, it was decided that a basic explanation would be given [redacted] in general terms and only simple tests for suggestibility would be run during this session.

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The writer explained to [redacted] the general type of work being carried on in this office (details and important matters omitted) and explained to her the use of volunteer subjects in connection with some of the experimental work.

At the conclusion of this general discussion, the writer attempted the standard falling back test with [redacted] with very poor results. [redacted] obviously resisting the suggestions. It should be noted, however, that some slight swaying was produced.

Thereafter, the standard hand rising test was undertaken, but the writer noticed that [redacted] response in this connection was very slow; fifteen minutes at least being required to produce a very simple small rising of the hand and arm. Again the writer and his associates clearly noticed that [redacted] was not co-operating and apparently was in fact attempting to defeat the test.

Thereafter, a short period of discussion ensued in which further matters were discussed with [redacted] and [redacted]. At the conclusion of this discussion, [redacted] ran a slow relaxation test on both [redacted] and [redacted] for about 20 minutes. Both [redacted] and [redacted] outwardly gave the impression of relaxing to a certain extent. However, the writer and Messrs. [redacted] agreed that the subjects were both either faking or "play acting" in this test, at least to a certain degree.

After both subjects were awakened by the 123 method by [redacted] attempted by an eye fixation method to place [redacted] again in a sleep condition. [redacted] responded, or at least went

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through the motions of attaining what appeared to be a sleep state, but again the writer, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] felt that her actions were not authentic and not properly co-operative.

The evening's work was concluded after this with a short discussion.

COMMENT

A In the opinion of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the tests were completely unsuccessful since it appeared that [REDACTED] had either given instructions or had coached [REDACTED] in advance. Whether or not absolute fakery was present could not be determined and since the tests were volunteer, the subjected were not challenged along these lines. It does appear, however, that very little work, if any, should be done in the future with either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] unless it can be shown that they are completely willing to co-operate and are interested in the work other than merely an excuse for piling up overtime.

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